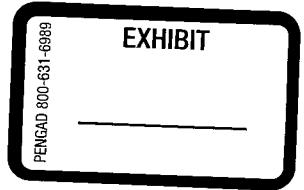


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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



CRIMINAL NO. CR-10-20403

vs.

HONORABLE NANCY G. EDMUND

D-4 VICTOR M. MERCADO,

VIOLATION: 18 U.S.C. § 371

Defendant.

FIFTH SUPERSEDING INFORMATION

The United States Attorney charges that:

18 U.S.C. § 371  
Conspiracy to Commit Offenses Against the United States

D-1 VICTOR M. MERCADO

1. From in or about July 2002 and continuing through about June 2008, in the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, defendant VICTOR M. MERCADO did unlawfully, knowingly, and willfully combine, conspire, confederate, and agree with other individuals to commit offenses against the United States, that is, to violate Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951, extortion.

2. The manner and means by which the co-conspirators sought to accomplish the conspiracy, included, among other things:

a. From June 2002 through June 2008, MERCADO was the Director of the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD). In that position, MERCADO reported to

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the Mayor of Detroit, Kwame Kilpatrick. From January 2002 through January 2006, Kwame Kilpatrick was the Special Administrator over the DWSD.

b. Kwame Kilpatrick used his position as the Mayor of Detroit and Special Administrator of DWSD to pressure city contractors— who submitted proposals to or were awarded contracts by DWSD— to give subcontracts or payments obtained under those contracts to Bobby Ferguson, or risk having their contracts delayed, awarded to competitors, or cancelled, resulting in economic harm.

c. MERCADO, at the direction of Kilpatrick and his associates, took steps to help Ferguson receive a large portion of contracts, subcontracts or payments for DWSD business.

#### **OVERT ACTS**

In furtherance of the conspiracy, and to effect the objects thereof, the defendant committed the following overt act, among others, in the Eastern District of Michigan:

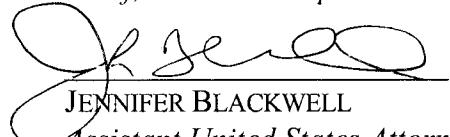
3. On February 1, 2007, Victor Mercado told an official with a city contractor that Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick would award them a particular DWSD contract if they took on Bobby Ferguson as a partner.

4. The transactions identified in Paragraph 2 involved and affected interstate commerce.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

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Date: November 5, 2012

United States District Court  
Eastern District of Michigan**Criminal Case Cover Sheet****Case Number**  
**10-CR-20403**

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**Reassignment/Recusal Information** This matter was opened in the USAO prior to August 15, 2008 [Yes]**Companion Case Information****Companion Case Numbers:**U.S. v. Karl Kado  
08-CR-20418; Hon. Marianne O. BattaniU.S. v. James Rosendall, Jr.,  
09-CR-20025; Hon. Avern CohnThis may be a companion case based upon LCrR 57.10 (b)(4)<sup>1</sup>:■ Yes       NoAUSA's Initials: *HMB***Case Title: USA v. D-4 VICTOR M. MERCADO****County where offense occurred :** Wayne**Check One:**      ■ Felony       Misdemeanor      Indictment/       Information --- no prior complaint.      Indictment/       Information --- based upon prior complaint [Case number:       ] Information based upon LCrR 57.10 (d) [Complete Superseding section below].

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**Superseding Case Information****Superseding to Case No:** 10-CR-20403      **Judge:** NANCY G. EDMUND

- Original case was terminated; no additional charges or defendants.
- Corrects errors; no additional charges or defendants.
- Involves, for plea purposes, different charges or adds counts.**
- Embraces same subject matter but adds the additional defendants or charges below:

Defendant nameChargesPrior Complaint (if applicable)**Please take notice that the below listed Assistant United States Attorney is the attorney of record for the above captioned case.**November 5, 2012

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<sup>1</sup> Companion cases are matters in which it appears that (1) substantially similar evidence will be offered at trial, (2) the same or related parties are present, and the cases arise out of the same transaction or occurrence. Cases may be companion cases even though one of them may have already been terminated.